



**MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
SITTING AS THE LAW COURT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Supreme Judicial Court invites amicus briefs on
the authority of District Court to determine
de facto parent status in a child protection proceeding**

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court, sitting as the Law Court, invites briefs of amici curiae in *In re A.F.*, Law Court docket number Cum-16-56 on the following issue:

Whether the District Court has the authority to determine, in a child protection proceeding pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §§ 4001 to 4099-D, whether a person is a child's de facto parent.

An amicus brief may be filed by or on behalf of any individual, entity, or group of individuals and/or entities without separate leave of the Court. Any amicus brief must be filed on or before **June 27, 2016**. An amicus brief must be filed at the address listed below, and must comply with M.R. App. P. 7(c), 9(e)(1), and 9(f). In addition to filing and serving the required number of copies, any amicus must send a copy of the brief electronically, as a single text-based .pdf file, to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov.

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